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it without restraint, is a proposition so repugnant to all our notions of a community, and so subversive of all its principles, that it cannot be for a moment admitted.

But I need not pursue this subject further. If the question was one about which there could be any doubt, or if the former decisions of this court needed any vindication, it would be matter of regret that the late Chief Justice is not here to perform a service, to which his abilities and learning are so fully adequate. My only object has been to express our confidence in the correctness of the former decision of the court, and to make such references to sources of information as will enable those who may desire to investigate these questions for themselves, to do so. I am quite conscious of my want of ability and learning in the Spanish law to present the subject in a full and clear light.

The judgment of the court is reversed, and the cause remanded for further proceedings in conformity with this opinion.

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#### NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IN PUBLIC LAND CASES, AND LAND LAWS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; Together with the Regulations of the General Land Office. By W. W. LESTER, of the Interior Department, Washington, D. C. Philadelphia: H. P. & R. H. Small, Law Booksellers and Publishers, No. 21 S. Sixth Street. 1860. pp. 772.

This volume is one certainly much needed by all buyers and sellers of land in the newer states. It is divided into five parts: first, a selection of the laws of Congress in relation to public lands; second, the decisions of the Secretary of the Interior; third, the opinions of the Attorneys-general in full, upon questions under the land laws; fourth, the instructions of the Commissioner to the registers and receivers; fifth, notes of reference to the decisions of the Supreme Court on the land laws. This division seems natural and convenient, and the reader will here find what is not elsewhere collected in any form that is accessible to the profession, or laymen generally. We have been informed by gentlemen much more competent to pass judgment upon the volume than ourselves, that it is a manual of great practical value for all who have rights in the Public Domain.